



# RPEA NEWS AND VIEWS

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We are California public employees who are working together to maintain and improve the quality of our members' lives by protecting and improving our retirement and medical benefits. RPEA members include retirees and their beneficiaries, those public employees who are currently employed, family, friends, and others who share our goals.

We welcome everyone!

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What a year! In an abundance of caution and with a sincere desire to keep all of us healthy, our Chapter 48 Board has decided to wait a little while longer to resume luncheon meetings.

When the vaccination rate is higher, when infection rates are lower, and with any new variant under control, we will be much more confident. The El Patron banquet room isn't available to us yet. Won't it be great when we can get together again!

RPEA at the State level has continued to monitor proposed legislation and to provide input on CalPERS policies that would affect our membership. Chapter 48 members should be receiving the quarterly State Newsletter as usual to keep up-to-date. If you have had a change of address, be sure to contact Headquarters so you don't miss mailings. Phone toll free at 1-800-443-7732.

*Friends are like stars.  
You don't always see  
them, but they are  
always there.*



# Welcome!

## *Welcome to Our Newest Chapter Members!!!!* 2020-2021

Mary Best	Temecula	Cristina Levesque	Menifee
Valerie Bonser	Hemet	Ronald Larson	Temecula
William Barnes	Hemet	Timothy Lorenz	Menifee
Hubert Bland	Perris	Lorinda Macias	Hemet
Colleen Brown	Valley Center	Barbara Maestas	Lake Elsinore
Evelyn Burgan	Hemet	Ana Marjanski	Bonsall
Lucretia Campagna	Temecula	Alyse Martin	Fallbrook
Donna Cole	Temecula	Thomas McConnell	Idaho
Alan Cospers	Montana	Vicki Meier	Perris
Catha Cotton	Menifee	Adrian Miller	Tennessee
Louis Covos	Wildomar	Rosalinda Molina	Idyllwild
Diana Craft	Winchester	Evelyn Mosby	Hemet
Rennette Davies	Anza	Terry Nelson	Hemet
Kiomars Davtalab	Temecula	Dean Park	Palm Desert
Sharon Dennig	Murrieta	Wayne Pitcher	Murrieta
Connie Desai	Menifee	Virginia Placencia	Temecula
Geoffrey Dodge	Lake Elsinore	Ronald Snider	Murrieta
Iola Edmon	Menifee	Molly Thorpe	Rancho Mirage
Craig Ewing	Palm Springs	Franklin Tinney	Palm Springs
Ernest Florez	Winchester	Jan Towers	Murrieta
Cindy-Lu Gans	Rancho Mirage	Irene Troiano	Cathedral City
Remigio German	Murrieta	Marciana Vamos	Menifee
Margaret Green	Palm Desert	Marko Vuskovic	Bonsall
Alfred Grewe	Hemet	Earnest Warren	Temecula
Elizabeth Hawkins	Hemet	Ruth Wells	Hemet
Nancy Hill	Murrieta	Roniece Wedman	Palm Desert
Steven Jarvis	Wildomar	Marjorie Wynn	Canyon Lake
Henrietta Kile	San Jacinto		



*In Remembrance.....**2020-2021*

Louise Albright	Palmdale	Mauro Mendoza	Homeland
Donald Colgan	Hemet	Linda Mustaffa	Hemet
Terry Courtright	Homeland	Jeannine Pearce	Idaho
Rudolf Guilin	Hemet	Michael Phillips	Wildomar
Patricia Hatch	Wildomar	Jack Robinson	Hemet
George Holton	Hemet	Amado Salinas	Palm Springs
William Hood	Menifee	Charles Shockley	Lake Elsinore
Janet Houts	Washington	Helen Simpson	San Dimas
Steven Houts	Washington	Norma Skinner	Sun City
Mary Howard	Mission Viejo	Inez Soza	Hemet
Orville Kowalchuk	Hemet	Ronald Stoeger	Homeland
Bill Macmillan	Homeland	Augus Van Goethen	Hemet
Marty Macmillan	Homeland	Chris Vanderharst	Temecula
Alberta Markley	Hemet		



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**Good News!** CalPERS assets at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 stood at more than \$469 billion.

**Good News!** CalPERS reported a preliminary 21.3% net return on investments for the period ending June 30, 2021. The double digit return will trigger a reduction in the discount rate used to calculate employer and PEPRA member contributions. That means the discount rate will drop from 7% to 6.8% (lowered in years of good investment returns).

**Good News!** After nearly eight years of litigation, CalPERS and plaintiffs have finally reached a proposed settlement (subject to Court approval) in the class-action lawsuit brought against the CalPERS Long-Term Care Program because of an 85% premium increase announced in February 2013. The lawsuit involves 117,000 policyholders who purchased LTC insurance that included automatic inflation protection coverage. All Settlement class-action members should soon receive a detailed notice package describing the terms of the Settlement and what they will receive from the Settlement should it be approved. Final approval is expected sometime next year and, if all class members choose to participate, the Settlement could include up to \$2.7 billion in premium refunds as well as other options.